



Helpful Hints To Prepare Before a Hurricane:

Right Before:

- Listen to local area radio, [NOAA radio](#) or TV stations for the latest information and updates.
- [Be prepared to evacuate](#) quickly and know your routes and destinations. Find a local [emergency shelter](#).
- Check your [emergency kit](#) and replenish any items missing or in short supply, especially medications or other medical supplies. Keep it nearby.



Then, If You Can, Do This

- Fill plastic bottles with clean water for drinking.
- Fill bathtubs and sinks with water for flushing the toilet or washing the floor or clothing.
- Fill your car's gas tank, in case an evacuation notice is issued.
- Turn off propane tanks and unplug small appliances.
- Bring in anything that can be picked up by the wind, such as bicycles and patio furniture.

If You Still Have Time, Do This

- Move your furniture and valuables to higher floors of your home.
- Turn off utilities if told to do so by authorities to prevent damage to your home or within the community. If you shut your gas off, a professional is required to turn it back on.
- Unplug small appliances to reduce potential damage from power surges that may occur.

If You Have Pets

- Consider a precautionary evacuation of your animals, especially any large or numerous animals. Waiting until the last minute could be fatal for them and dangerous for you.
- Where possible, move livestock to higher ground. If using a horse or other trailer to evacuate your animals, move sooner rather than later.
- Bring your companion animals indoors and maintain direct control of them. Be sure that your [pet emergency kit](#) is ready to go in case of evacuation.

*Reference: American Red Cross, Hurricane Safety: <https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/hurricane.html>

Other Helpful Links:

- a. Central Pacific Hurricane Center: <http://www.prh.noaa.gov/cphc/pages/hurrsafety.php>
- b. FEMA Hurricane Preparedness: <https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>